

REMARKS

Claims 1 – 10 and 60 – 70 are pending. Claims 4 – 9 have been amended.

Claims 11 – 59 have been cancelled.

In response to the September 30, 2003 Restriction Requirement, applicants elect for continued prosecution the Group I claims (claims 1 -10, 21 – 23, 27 – 45, and 48 – 57), drawn to a printer, without traverse.

In response to the requirement of electing a single disclosed species in Group I for prosecution on the merits, Applicants wish to continue prosecution on the merits for claims 1 – 10 of Group I. Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1 – 10 are drawn to a printer including a donor ribbon for use in transferring an image to a media sheet using a dye diffusion process or a direct thermal process. Although this is not a species specifically listed in the Restriction Requirement, applicants submit that claims 1 – 10 do not read upon any of the species identified on pages 3 – 4 of the Restriction Requirement.

Applicants have amended claims 4 – 9 to correct informalities, i.e., dependency issues.

Claims 60 – 70 have been added and are dependent on elected claim 3. Thus, claims 60 – 70 are consonant with claims 1 – 10.

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An action on the merits is respectfully requested.

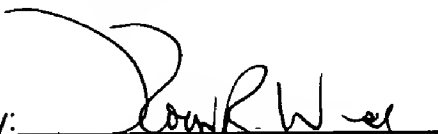
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